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SUBJECT: S. 2453 - Cohen/Nunn Proposal for
Establishment of DoD/NSC Anti-Terrorism
"Low Intensity Conflict" Positions

1. Attached for your information please find a copy of pages S. 5971 - 5976 from the Congressional Record of 15 May 1986. These pages contain the text of an anti-terrorism bill, S. 2453, as well as the remarks of its cosponsors, Senators Nunn and Cohen, upon introduction.

2. To remedy an alleged deficiency in the organization of the Executive Branch to combat terrorism as well as "other forms of low intensity warfare", S. 2453 would explicitly reorganize that Branch as follows:

- ° create within the Department of Defense (DoD) the position of "Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict";

- ° establish within DoD a "Unified Command for Special Operations Forces";

- ° create within the National Security Council a "Board for Low Intensity Conflict"; and,

- ° recommend to the President that he establish within his Executive Office the position of "Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs for Low Intensity Conflict" and designate that person as chairman of the Board noted above.

3. Senator Nunn admits in his remarks on p. S 5974 that the bill represents "micromanagement" of the Executive Branch. This, plus other reservations he expresses about the bill, indicates that it may have been introduced for Executive Branch reaction, not legislative action.

4. The bill has been referred to the Senate Armed Services Committee where both sponsors serve with Senator Nunn being the Ranking Minority Member (both also serve on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence). There is, at this point, no similar legislation in the House.

5. We will keep you advised of further developments concerning this legislation.

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